

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 193 - SB 577

March 15, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a person to file a petition for the expunction of public records involving offenses related to a person's status as a victim of human trafficking, at no cost to the victim, after one year has elapsed since the completion of any sentence imposed for the petitioner's most recent criminal offense.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-32-101(g), an eligible petitioner is required to pay the court a \$180 fee for filing a petition to expunge eligible records; \$50 of each fee is remitted to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and \$130 is remitted to the District Attorneys Expunction Fund.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-21-401(d)(2), a clerk is required to charge \$100 for proceedings related to criminal expungements.
- The proposed legislation eliminates fees associated with filing petitions for expunction of certain records for human trafficking victims.
- The total number of such expunctions annually statewide is estimated to be not significant.
- Based on information provided by the District Attorneys General Conference, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, and local court clerks, any impact resulting from providing such expunction at no cost to the petitioner is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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